

The Bullitschek Bulletin

A newsletter for the Bolejack, Bolerjack families, and all descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, a Moravian immigrant, born in 1729 in Bohemia, who came to America in 1754 and lived in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

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REUNION 2006 **June 22 - 25 in Bethlehem, PA**

The hotel is the Fairfield Inn, 2140 Motel Drive, Bethlehem and the group rate which we have secured is \$94 per night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at (610) 867-0479 or by going online at www.fairfieldinn.com/abefi. Please use the Rate Code: BBRS and the Group Code: G1308 in order to get the \$94 rate. The hotel is a very short distance from the local airport-Lehigh Valley International/Bethlehem/Allentown Airport.

A Big Welcome to all Bullitschek Relatives!!!

Our family association has had reunions three times in the Lititz area, but never have we met in Bethlehem, PA. I hope you will consider making the trip for a reunion that will hopefully be very meaningful and enjoyable!

I am still formulating the itinerary, but at present these are the tentative plans.

Thursday, June 22

1 pm-Optional tour (for those planning to arrive a little early) Visit the Martin Guitar Factory and Museum in Nazareth--a very worthwhile tour which my husband and I took this past fall!

3-5:30-Registration at our hotel

6-Dinner together

7:30-Time of Fellowship and refreshments--Introduction to Joseph F. Bullitschek and his 5 year stay in Bethlehem (Dec., 1754-Apr., 1759)

Friday, June 23

9-Tour Historic Bethlehem. I have arranged a private tour of several historic Moravian landmarks.

11:30-Lunch together.

1:30-Private lecture and informational time at the Moravian Archives. Dr. Paul Peucker, head archivist, will show us historic documents pertaining to our ancestor. It is a very interesting place. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore more historic sites, shop on the charming Main Street of Bethlehem (the Moravian Bookshop is a MUST), swim at the hotel pool, or rest.

Dinner will be on your own.

7:30-Annual Auction-Please bring items which are handmade or which you think family members would enjoy having.

Saturday, June 24

9-12-Tour Nazareth where Charlotte Haller Bullitschek's parents were head of the communal farm and are buried in God's Acre.

Visit Whitefield Museum-Not usually open on Saturday morning, but the director generously said that she would give a brief tour relating information pertaining to our ancestors.

Uncover the gravestones of Charlotte's parents. Our friends, Alice & Elmer Yeakel, will provide expertise at this venue. We then will travel to the location of the farm which our ancestor oversaw.

We will have lunch at the Hanoverville Roadhouse (built in 1825) which is located between Nazareth and Bethlehem. Everyone will have an opportunity to order whatever they desire on the menu. This will be the location of our annual business meeting.

The afternoon is free to visit the National Canal Museum and the Crayola Factory in Easton, explore more of historic Bethlehem, shop, or do a multitude of other options.

We have been assured by the director of the Bethlehem Trombone Choir that there will be a concert on Saturday evening.

Sunday, June 25

Worship at the Central Moravian Church in downtown Bethlehem.

I hope this sketchy itinerary will give you an idea of what is being planned for the reunion.

We hope that it will be possible for many of you to join us in Bethlehem. What a wonderful way to celebrate 250 years of our family on this continent!! Please feel free to contact me by phone at (856) 428-3854 or cell phone at (856) 278-2922 or by email at DodB@aol.com.

Your Bullitschek cousin,

Marilyn Blackburn

In 1741, a small group of Moravians settled on the banks of the Lehigh River near the Monocacy Creek. They represented what is now recognized as the oldest organized Protestant denomination in the world, the Unitas Fratrum, or Unity of the Brethren, founded in 1457 by followers of John Hus, a Roman Catholic priest who had tried to reform the Catholic Church. Hus was burned at the stake for his beliefs a full 100 years before Martin Luther's Reformation. His followers called themselves Moravians because many of the original founders came from the provinces of Moravia and Bohemia in central Europe, in what is now the Czech Republic.

In 1747, thirty-six different trades and industries exported their wares from Bethlehem throughout the colonies. In the days of the Revolution, our nation's leaders, including George Washington, Samuel Adams and the Marquis de Lafayette, met, supped and slept here. By 1845, the more than 1,000 inhabitants voted to incorporate the village into a free borough in the County of Northampton. With the advent of the Industrial Revolution, Bethlehem became a center of heavy industry and trade. The world headquarters of Bethlehem Steel Corporation remains here today.

From its humble beginnings as a Moravian settlement to its modern status as the heart of the thriving Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem has carefully preserved its past. It is a city of 71,000 that shines as brightly as its huge electrical star atop South Mountain. The Moravian influence remains strong, but many more traditions from many lands have joined in making the city a "melting pot" of cultures, blending one into the other.

From the Bethlehem web site

MARRIAGES

Robert (Robbie) Voss will marry Kelly Lynn Richardson on June 25, 2005. (Submitted in March

2005)

Son of Lawrence & Teri Voss, grandson of Robert Sherman and Doris Bolejack Voss
(Lawrence mows the cemetery in North Carolina)

BIRTHS

Emma Katherine Wymore

January 20, 2005

Daughter of Joshua and Jennifer Wymore

She joins brother Joshua and sister Elizabeth

Victoria Lee Kiser

Born: September 17, 2005

Daughter of Lee and Lynn Dodson Kiser

These are great, great, great grandchildren of Flossie Bolejack. She is 102 now.

Submitted by Ruby Boyles

DEATHS

Gerald Zweifel

Born: August 11, 1917

Died: May 11, 2002

Parents: Henry and Alva Arnold Zweifel

Submitted by: Lorna Zweifel

Howard Dean Bolerjack

Born: August 11, 1914

Died: September 5, 2005

Parents: Bart W. Bolerjack

Ann Lasater Bolerjack

Submitted by: Mr. & Mrs. John Spicer

Everette Bolejack

Born: October 18, 1915

Died: November 9, 2005

He is Evan's twin brother

Parents: Joseph Erastus Bolejack

Virginia Griffin Bolejack

Submitted by: Ruby Boyles

Marjorie Wells Bolejack

Born April 19, 1922

Died: November 15, 2005

Submitted by: Hanna Holland, granddaughter

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